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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Application**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following application for a recovery permit to conduct enhancement of survival activities with an endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing such permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Endangered Species Program Manager, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by telephone (503-231-2071) or fax (503-231-6243).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for certain permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities (including take or interstate commerce) with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32

for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

### **Application Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application. Please refer to the appropriate permit number for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by request from the Endangered Species Program Manager at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

### **Permit Number: TE-210255**

Applicant: Ryan Sylvester, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Libby, Montana

The permittee requests an amendment to an existing scientific research permit to take (tag, conduct adult and juvenile telemetry, determine sex and maturity, and possible use of egg mats and larval sampling) the Kootenai River population of the white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) in conjunction with research in the State of Montana, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival. The original permit was announced in a notice that published in the Federal Register on April 22, 2009 (74 FR 18396).

### **Public Availability of Comments**

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Date: \_\_April 12, 2012\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_Hugh Morrison\_\_\_\_\_

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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